

*Tuesday, March 2, 1999*

# *Daily Digest*

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act, and Special Committee on Y2K Technology-related Problems Funding Increase bill.

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2059–S2157*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 491–512, and S. Res. 55–56. **Pages S2095–96**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 364, to improve certain loan programs of the Small Business Administration. (S. Rept. No. 106–6)

S. 313, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1999. (S. Rept. No. 106–7)

S. 247, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reform the copyright law with respect to satellite re-transmissions of broadcast signals, with amendments. **Page S2094**

#### **Measures Passed:**

***Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act:*** By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 28), Senate passed S. 314, to provide for a loan guarantee program to address the Year 2000 computer problems of small business concerns. **Pages S2059–69**

***Special Committee on Y2K Funding Increase:*** Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 25, 1999, Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 7, to amend Senate Resolution 208 of the 105th Congress to increase funding of the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology-related Problems, and by 92 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 29), Senate agreed to the resolution, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2071–84**

Bennett/Dodd Amendment No. 30, to make a conforming change. **Page S2071**

***Joint Committee on Printing/Joint Committee on the Library Membership:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 51, providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee on the Library. **Page S2153**

***Printing Authorization:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 52, to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate. **Page S2153**

***Senate Committee Appointments:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 55, making appointments to certain Senate committees for the 106th Congress. **Page S2154**

***Dodson School Districts Impact Aid Applications:*** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 447, to deem as timely filed, and process for payment, the applications submitted by the Dodson School Districts for certain Impact Aid payments for fiscal year 1999, and the bill was then passed. **Page S2154**

***National Girl Scout Week:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 48, designating the week beginning March 7, 1999, as “National Girl Scout Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2156**

***National Read Across America Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 56, recognizing March 2, 1999 as the “National Read Across America Day” and encouraging every child, parent and teacher to read throughout the year. **Pages S2156–57**

***Education Flexibility Partnership Act:*** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 280, to provide for education flexibility partnerships. **Pages S2084–88**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill, with a vote to occur on the motion to proceed, on Wednesday, March 3, 1999. **Page S2157**

***Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:*** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

The Extradition Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea (Treaty Doc. 106–2).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for fiscal year 1997; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-12).

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During today's proceedings, Senate also took the following action:

Pursuant to the order of Thursday, February 25, 1999, Senate agreed to a motion to recess.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

James M. Simon, Jr., of Alabama, to be Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Administration.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Lawrence J. Delaney, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Lawrence Harrington, of Tennessee, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

Richard M. McGahey, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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**Messages From the President:**

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**Executive Reports of Committees:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—29)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2157.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation, authorizing funds for federal child nutrition programs, after receiving testimony from Martha Hill, Madison, West Virginia, and Gayle Lynn MacDonald, Bellingham, Washington, both of the American School Food Association; Barry Reese, Indiana School Food Service Association, Auburn; James D. Weill, Food Research Action Center, and Rhea F. Starr, YWCA of the U.S.A., both of Washington, D.C.; and Nick Craft, on behalf of the National Child Care Association, Conyers, Georgia.

### APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Agriculture, focusing on assistance to producers and farm economy, after receiving testimony from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and Dennis Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 2,131 military nominations in the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army; Richard Danzig, Secretary of the Navy; and F. Whitten Peters, Acting Secretary of the Air Force.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for national defense, after receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary, and John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Defense; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

**AUTHORIZATION—SURFACE  
TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Linda J. Morgan, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; Edward M. Emmett, National Industrial Transportation League, and William E. Harvey, Lyondell Petrochemical Company, on behalf of the Rail Customer Coalition, both of Arlington, Virginia; John Bratten, Central Soya Company, Inc., on behalf of the National Grain and Feed Association, Edward Wytkind, Transportation Trades Department (AFL-CIO), James M. Brunkenhoefer, United Transportation Union, and Edward R. Hamberger, Association of American Railroads, all of Washington, D.C.; and Timothy R. Murphy, Mercer Management Consulting, Inc., Lexington, Massachusetts.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of the Interior, focusing on Minerals Management Service, Lands Legacy Initiative, Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Mining Law, National Park Service, Office of Insular Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, and Alaska issues, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

**HURRICANE MITCH RELIEF**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism concluded hearings on the United States relief efforts in response to Hurricanes Mitch and

Georges, after receiving testimony from Mark S. Jaeger, Jockey International, Kenosha, Wisconsin; Rene Fonseca, Consultants International, Tegucigalpa, Honduras; James Kenneth Isaacs, Samaritan's Purse, Boone, North Carolina; and James Chapman, World Vision, Washington, D.C.

**DETERMINING MEDICAL NECESSITY**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine issues with regard to the delivery of necessary health care in the United States, after receiving testimony from John E. Wennberg, Dartmouth College Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire; Sara Rosenbaum, George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; Linda A. Bergthold, Stanford University, Stanford, California; Robert H. Brook, RAND Health, Santa Monica, California; Lee N. Newcomer, UnitedHealth Group, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Woodrow A. Myers, Jr., Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan; and Richard F. Corlin, American Medical Association, Chicago, Illinois.

**Y2K IMPACT ON FOOD INDUSTRY**

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* Committee concluded hearings to examine Y2K-related problems within the food industry, focusing on the manufacturing, distribution, and retail of food products and recommendations relative to the status of food import, export, preparation, and distribution, after receiving testimony from Timothy M. Hammonds, Food Marketing Institute, and C. Manly Molpus, Grocery Manufacturers of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Mike Wright, SUPERVALU INC., Minneapolis, Minnesota; Michael S. Heschel, Kroger Co., Cincinnati, Ohio; James R. Kinney, Kraft Foods, Inc., New York, New York; and Jeri Bender, Nestle USA, Glendale, California.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 58 public bills, H.R. 891–948; 1 private bill, H.R. 949; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 35, H. Con. Res. 39, and H. Res. 84, 87–90, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 661, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prohibit the commercial operation of supersonic transport category aircraft that do not comply with stage 3 noise levels if the European Union adopts certain aircraft noise regulations (H. Rept. 106–35);

H.R. 609, To amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples (H. Rept. 106–36);

H. Res. 85, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 603) to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the “Death on the High Seas Act” to aviation incidents (H. Rept. 106–37);

H. Res. 86, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 603) to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the “Death on the High Seas Act” to aviation incidents (H. Rept. 106–38); and

H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense (H. Rept. 106–39).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Stearns to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:21 and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Presidential Message—Federal Labor Relations Authority:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 19th annual report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for fiscal year 1997—referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to Suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Child Labor Exemption for Certain Amish and Other Youth:** H.R. 221, amended, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products.

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**Disaster Mitigation Coordination Act:** H.R. 818, to amend the Small Business Act to authorize

a pilot program for the implementation of disaster mitigation measures by small businesses;

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**Nullify Reservation of Funds Under Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act:** H.R. 882, to nullify any reservation of funds during fiscal year 1999 for guaranteed loans under the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act for qualified beginning farmers or ranchers.

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**Social Security Guarantee Initiative:** H.J. Res. 32, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the President and the Congress should join in undertaking the Social Security Guarantee Initiative to strengthen and protect the retirement income security of all Americans through the creation of a fair and modern Social Security Program for the 21st century (passed by a ye and nay vote of 416 yeas to one nay, Roll No. 29). Agreed to amend the title; and

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**Export Apple Act:** H.R. 609, to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples (passed by a ye and nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 30).

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**Joint Committees on Printing and on the Library:** The House agreed to H. Res. 87, electing members of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 88, electing Representative Isakson to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H855 and H856. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Education, and Economics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of USDA: I. Miley Gonzalez, Under Secretary; and Eileen Kennedy,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, both with Research, Education, and Economics.

#### **LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, held a hearing on the National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and the National Institute of Nursing Research, and on National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Alan I. Leshner, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse; Enoch Gordis, M.D., Director, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Patricia A. Grady, M.D., Director, National Institute of Nursing Research; Claude Lenfant, M.D., Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; and Kenneth Olden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

#### **TREASURY-POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the Executive Office of the President. Testimony was heard from Mark Lindsay, Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President; and Jacob Lew, Director, OMB.

#### **VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on FEMA. Testimony was heard from James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA.

#### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING FISCAL YEAR 2000 BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on fiscal year 2000 budget request for military construction and military family housing of the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert Pirie, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Installations and Facilities); Rear Adm. Louis M. Smith, USN, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Rear Adm. (Select) John P. McLaughlin, USN, Deputy Director, Naval Reserve, and Maj. Gen. Geoffrey B. Higginbotham, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics (Facilities), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, all with the Department of the Navy; Ruby B. DeMesme, Assistant Secretary (Manpower,

Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment), Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, USAF, The Civil Engineer, Brig. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, USAF, Deputy Director, Air National Guard and Brig. Gen. Ralph S. Clemm, USAF, Deputy to the Chief, Office of the Air Force Reserve, all with the Department of the Air Force.

#### **DEFENSE REFORM INITIATIVES**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on Defense reform initiatives, contracting out, and outsourcing. Testimony was heard from Barry Holman, Assistant Director, National Security and International Affairs Division, Defense Management, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Stan Z. Soloway, Deputy Under Secretary (Acquisition Reform); Randall A. Yim, Deputy Under Secretary (Installations); Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installations Management, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. James Amerault, USA, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics), Department of the Navy; Brig. Gen. Richard B. Bundy, USAF, Director, Manpower, Organization and Quality, Department of the Air Force; and Robert E. Hammond, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, U.S. Marine Corps.

#### **EFT-99 IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review implementation of EFT-99, the federal program designed to facilitate the payment of government benefits by electronic rather than paper check. Testimony was heard from John Dyer, Principal Deputy Commissioner, SSA; Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Gregory Bitz, Director of Finance, Finance and Accounting Services Headquarters, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

#### **NURSING HOME RESIDENTS PROTECTION AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action H.R. 540, Nursing Home Residents Protection Amendments of 1999.

#### **OLDER AMERICANS ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on The Older Americans Act: Meeting the Needs of Our Nation's Seniors. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeFazio and Kolbe; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on the Census held a hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Examining the America Counts Today (ACT) Initiatives to Enhance Traditional Enumeration Methods. Testimony was heard from Representatives Myrick and Meek of Florida; and Kenneth J. Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**OVERSIGHT—YEAR 2000 PROBLEM**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, and Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on Oversight of the Year 2000 Problem at the Department of Defense: How Prepared is Our Nation's Defense? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert J. Lieberman, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary; and Jack L. Brock, Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, GAO.

**OVERSIGHT—EFFORTS TO REDUCE WASTE, FRAUD AND MANAGEMENT WEAKNESSES BY CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held an oversight hearing on efforts to address waste, fraud and management weaknesses by the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and State. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Nelson Toy, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; and Standley Z. Soloway, Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition Reform; Edward A. Powell, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Bert T. Edwards, Chief Financial Officer, Department of State.

**U.S. SHOULD INTRODUCE RESOLUTION CRITICIZING CHINA FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES; FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action amended H.Con.Res. 28, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should introduce and make all efforts necessary to pass a resolution criticizing the People's Republic of China for its human rights abuses in China and Tibet at the annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for Fiscal Years 2000–2001: Department of State Management Initiatives. Testi-

mony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Bonnie Cohen, Under Secretary, Management; and Patrick Kennedy, Assistant Secretary, Administration.

**BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 808, to extend for 3 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

The Committee also approved the Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

**INDEPENDENT COUNSEL REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the reauthorization of the Independent Counsel Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dickey, Hastings of Florida and Thompson of Mississippi; and Eric H. Holder, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

**PROHIBITION—COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF SUPERSONIC TRANSPORTATION**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 661, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prohibit the commercial operation of supersonic transport category aircraft that do not comply with state 3 noise levels if the European Union adopts certain aircraft noise regulations. The rule waives clause 4(a) of Rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Duncan and Sherwood.

**“DEATH ON THE HIGH SEAS ACT”—CLARIFY APPLICATION**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 603, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the “Death on the High Seas Act”. The rule provides that each section of the bill shall be considered as

read. The rule authorizes the chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Duncan and Sherwood.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 819, Federal Maritime Commission Authorization Act of 1999; and H.R. 707, amended, Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved the Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

### REPORT ON MEDICARE PAYMENT POLICIES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Report on Medicare Payment Policies. Testimony was heard from Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

## Joint Meetings

### VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings to review the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Pouliot, Commander in Chief, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Capitol Police Board, and the Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., SD-116.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on recommendations pertaining to military retirement, pay and compensation, and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army modernization, and the future years defense program, 1:30 p.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings on the 21st century seapower vision overview and maritime implications of 21st century threats, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business Meeting to markup S.96, to regulate commerce between and among the several States by providing for the orderly resolution of disputes arising out of computer-based problems related to processing data that includes a 2-digit expression of that year's date, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* with the Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings on American Indian trust management practices in the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, and the Power Marketing Administrations, Department of Energy, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold oversight hearings on the Environmental Protection Agency's implementation of the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, 9 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine education savings incentives, education financing and school construction financing proposals, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on the commercial viability of a Caspian Sea export energy pipeline, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to resume hearings on the future of the Independent Counsel Act, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Aging, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Older Americans Act, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings on American Indian trust management practices in the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops, hearing on agricultural biotechnology, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on Legal Services Corporation, 10:30 a.m., H-309 Capitol, and on Secretary of Commerce, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on fiscal year 2000 Department of Defense budget, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Recreational Fees, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes, the National Institute on Aging, and the National Institute on Mental Health, 10 a.m., and on National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases, the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, and the National Center for Research Resources, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., and on U.S. Postal Service, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, Independent Agencies, on Court of Veterans Appeals, 9:30 a.m., and on Selective Service System, 10:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 2000 National Defense authorization budget request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement and the Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, joint hearing on service aviation modernization plans, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on hedge funds, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on HUD's fiscal year 2000 budget, 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on the Market Impact of the Administration's Social Security Proposal, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, to mark up H.R. 800, Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, hearing on Fighting Crime in the Trenches, Part I, National Problems, Local Solutions: Federalism at Work, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, to consider Committee funding requests, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on the Administration's Foreign Assistance Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on South Asia: Challenges in U.S. Policy, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on a New World Order: Reassessing the Export Administration Act, 2:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on the anti-drug effort in the Americas and implementation of the Western Hemisphere Drug Elimination Act, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, to consider the following bills: H.R. 15, Otay Wilderness Act of 1999; H.R. 39, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act; H.R. 154, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units; H.R. 449, Gateway Visitor Center Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 509, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property; and H.R. 510, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest, 11:45 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 820, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 707, Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 1999; and H.R. 416 Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Request: Department of Energy Office of Science; Environment, Safety, and Health; and Environmental Management, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, oversight hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: Aero-Space Technology, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 3

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 280, Education Flexibility Partnership Act, with a vote to occur on the motion to proceed; following which, Senate will begin consideration of the bill.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, March 3

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 603, Death on the High Seas Act (open rule, 1 hour of debate);

H.R. 661, concerning supersonic transport aircraft that do not comply with stage 3 noise levels (open rule, 1 hour of debate); and

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